THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Geological survey for mineral wealth in Andhra Pradesh is in progress.

(b) The various minerals proposed to be explored in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87 are coal, diamond, gold phosphorite, graphite, asbestos, tin-tungsten and base metals (copper, lead and zinc).

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Slum Clearance ln Cities

3311. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is total amount allocated for. slum clearance in all the big cities in the country; and

(b) the amount allocated for slum clearance in Hyderabad and other big cities in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on environmental improvement of urban slums in site rather than their massive clearance and relocation. Under the State sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) basic amenities are provided in the urban slums. The 7th Plan outlay for this scheme is Rs. 269.55 crores with a target of coverage of 9 million slum dwellers.

(b) The State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects under the Scheme of EIUS, out of their Annual Plan provisions, in accordance with their needs and priorities. The 7th Plan outlay under the Scheme for Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 30.00 crores.

Profits earned by SAIL

3312.SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India earned any profits during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) steps being taken to increase its profits further in future?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement showing the' profits loss made by SAIL during the last 3 years is given below:—

Rs, in crores

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Profit(+) Loss (—)	(—)214-53	(+H24	(+)159 00

(b) continuous efforts are being made by SAIL to improve its profitability. SAIL is endeavouring to:

(i)- Increase total production and also production of damand-orien-ted products by diversifying its productmix.

(ii) Upgrade the technological regimes as well as adopt to the extent possible, latest technologies at the time of modernisation/expansion of the projects;

(iii) Improve techno-economic parameters;

(iv) Improve yields of by-products and attain better recovery of waste and secondary arisings;

(v) Reduce inventories and working capital;

(vi) Improve maintenance of plant and equipment for better availability;

(vii) Optimise captive power generation and energy conservation;